

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

-- A video encoder ~~(200, 300)~~ and corresponding methods ~~(600, 700)~~ are provided for weighted prediction estimation using a displaced frame difference or differential, the encoder embodying a method ~~(700)~~ for receiving ~~(712)~~ a substantially uncompressed image block, assigning ~~(714)~~ a weighting factor for the image block corresponding to a particular reference picture having a corresponding index, computing ~~(716)~~ motion vectors corresponding to the difference between the image block and the particular reference picture, motion compensating ~~(718)~~ the particular reference picture in correspondence with the motion vectors, multiplying ~~(720)~~ the motion compensated reference picture by the assigned weighting factor to form a weighted motion compensated reference picture, subtracting ~~(722)~~ the weighted motion compensated reference picture from the substantially uncompressed image block, and encoding ~~(724)~~ a signal indicative of the difference between the substantially uncompressed image block and the weighted motion compensated reference picture along with the corresponding index of the particular reference picture.--